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a lousy job of it and it won't be long ... and even though Senator Chambers' may be out to protect it in that case, the gopher will be wiped out. I think we should just withdraw the amendment at this time and let the thing go and next year let Senator Chambers and the Game and Parks Commission handle it. I'm sure we'll get all the money we need. It won't be long all the gophers will be gone.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kime.

SENATOR KIME: Mr. Chairman, members of the body. I think maybe Senator Schmit might have an idea there at that. The idea is not to exterminate these gophers. I don't think you'll ever exterminate these gophers. The idea is to control them. Research has already been going on out that at Chadron State College for over a year. It's going to be continued if we can get this \$24,000 or whatever it is for the doctors out there to work with. The research is to find some method of control. At the present time they do use these gopher getters which will control gophers in a small area, around your field perhaps. Senator Lewis mentioned the coyotes. Well during my lifetime, and I've lived where the gophers live all over the place, I've only seen three or four gophers outside their mounds in my lifetime, unless they were caught by traps. They just don't come out so that the coyotes can get them. The research is to find some kind of a poison, some kind of a parasite, something that will control the gophers in an area. They have, in the last few years during this drought period, increased to such a number that they've just ruined thousands of acres of good pasture land. They seem to be increasing. As long as I can remember there's been gophers. As a matter of fact, there are gophers all over the State of Nebraska. They're increasing by leaps and bounds in the sandhills because a gopher is a lazy critter and he likes to dig in soft sand, so there's where we have the trouble. I think we should pass this amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner. Senator Warner, in the Chamber? Senator Nichol. Senator Warner. Is Senator Nichol...? Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Last Fall Senator Stull, Senator Richard Lewis, Senator Kime, Senator Clark and myself made a visit out to that area around Chadron and observed what was being done this gopher problem. The areas that we observed are in a serious situation. We also learned that they are in the middle of some experiments dealing with the control of reproduction, but are not completely ... have not completely finished that experiment. Hopefully, these monies that are being asked for now will be able to give them that added financing that is going to complete this. To Senator Chambers, I'm sure that the answer is going to be we'll never get them all killed off. Hopefully, we can get them down to the point where it's not going to destroy the vegetation and the production of livestock to the point that it is now. It is a serious situation out there. With a cooperative study, and the cooperative work that is going on, I think it's an operation that is justifiable for this money. Thank you.